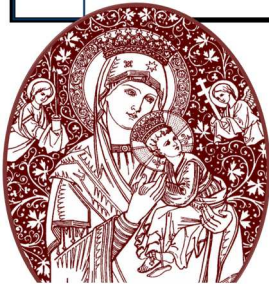


St. Anthony of Egypt, religious hermit and one of the earliest Desert Fathers, considered the founder and father of organized Christian monasticism. His rule represented one of the first attempts to codify guidelines for monastic living. A disciple of St. Paul of Thebes, Anthony began to practice an ascetic life at the age of 20 and after 15 years withdrew for absolute solitude to a mountain by the Nile called Pispir, where he lived from about 286 to 305. During the course of this retreat, he began his legendary combat against the Devil, withstanding a series of temptations famous in Christian theology and iconography. Anthony's spiritual combats with what he envisioned as the forces of evil made his life one long struggle against the Devil. According to St. Athanasius, the bishop of Alexandria, the Devil's assault on Anthony took the form of visions, either seductive or horrible, experienced by the saint. For example, at times the Devil appeared in the guise of a monk bringing bread during his fasts or in the form of wild beasts, women, or soldiers, sometimes beating the saint and leaving him in a deathly state. Anthony endured many such attacks, and those who witnessed them were convinced they were real. Every vision conjured up by Satan was repelled by Anthony's fervid prayer and penitential acts. About 305 he emerged from his retreat to instruct and organize the monastic life of the hermits who imitated him and who had established themselves nearby. The early monks who followed Anthony into the desert considered themselves the vanguard of God's army, and, by fasting and performing other ascetic practices, they attempted to attain the same state of spiritual purity and freedom from temptation that they saw in Anthony. When Christian persecution ended after the Edict of Milan, he moved to a mountain in the Eastern Desert, between the Nile and the Red Sea, where the monastery Dayr Mārī Antonios still stands. There he remained, receiving visitors and, on occasion, crossing the desert to Pispir. He ventured twice to Alexandria, the last time (c. 350) to preach against Arianism, a heretical doctrine teaching that Christ the Son is not of the same substance as God the Father. His feast day is January 17.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Jan 14	Zacchaeus Sunday	✠ Charles Lutak from Vicki Karnish
Jan 15	No Liturgy	
Jan 16	No Liturgy	
Jan 17	No Liturgy	
Jan 18	No Liturgy	
Jan 19	No Liturgy	
Jan 20	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jan 21	Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee	Marlene Bernat

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

Sunday of Zacchaeus

1 Timothy 4:9-13

Luke 19:1-10

Troparion (Tone 8)

You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days for burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

Kondakion

When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

Theotokion

To you, O Mother of God, the invincible leader, we, your servants, ascribe these victory hymns in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil. With your invincible power free us from all dangers that we may cry out to you: "Hail, O Bride, and pure Virgin!"

Prokeimen

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - January 7, 2024 - \$481.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

Saturdays with Jesus - Catechism classes will be February 10th

Adults 10:00-12:00 and Children 2:00-3:30.

Blessing Homes - Father Andriy will bless homes in the Ebensburg/Cambria and Jackson Twp.

Areas today following the dinner.

Chrismation - Today we celebrate Antonino Cambria being confirmed in our church.

Joins us in celebration for Nino in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.

Pyrohy Days - We will be making pyrohy on Tuesday and Wednesday this week at 8:00AM.

Come and help pinch pyrohy.

Congratulations to Antonino Cambria as he is confirmed a member of our church.
May God grant Nino good health, long life and many happy years!

Prayer List

Parishioners: Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski. *To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

Joke of the Day

